

FCC, I am opposed to HR 4026

Please do not interfere with the services that XM radio provides its paying customers. I pay for the services of XM radio because I do not feel that 2 or 3 media conglomerates are providing balanced information. There are millions of people who cannot afford to pay for XM, and will all ways require the services free television and radio. The fact that local media is threatened by satellite radio leads me to believe that there is an underlying agenda.

Local radio constantly bombards its stations with commercials. I opted to pay for XM radio versus receiving free radio because I can get traffic when I need traffic. When there is a problem on the highway and my normal routes are blocked, I turn to XM traffic and become updated before arriving to the problem. I am able to take an alternate route before becoming stuck in traffic. If I try to get that same information from local radio I normally have to wait through 5 or 6 commercials, and I often receive the information late.

I also love the fact that there are music station that consist of more than just Rap/Heavy Metal, and that boring top 40's music. XM has world music, at the touch of a button I am transported to Jamaica, Africa or Puerto Rico through the music, and I find that to be soothing.

I pay for satellite television as well as satellite radio, and I feel that I am a better person for doing so. I am being exposed to current events all over the world versus being consumed with the right wing, negative, stereotypical views that degrade minorities.